

The Reflector.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1908.

RECENT REFLECTIONS.

The mother of William Ramsey, of Solomon, died in that city yesterday and was buried today.

The finance committee of the bureau of immigration has nearly completed Dickinson county's quota of the funds necessary to be raised.

The Spot Cash grocery store was sold this morning to L. R. Baker, of Leavenworth for \$800; Chas. Estes bought the accounts and will collect the same.

The case of McInerney vs. Sutter Bros. has been decided in favor of the defendants and the jewellers will retain their store until the expiration of their lease.

March collections are reported as more satisfactory than those of several months past. This is an encouraging sign and promises much for the volume of business to be transacted during 1908.

A number of Salinaites are out in a card "denouncing" the Republican for criticizing Anderson. The gentlemen should remember that muzzling the press is a rather difficult job to undertake.

Kansas is distressed, as from east to west rolls a polar wave across her frozen breast. [The News. But soon it will roll back and she'll forward leap and crack her heels in joy while seeking riches just down the track.

A special to the Kansas City Journal from Grenola, Kas., says: The farmers' alliance store started here early last winter to take the place of the commission men and the retailer, failed today. Liabilities \$10,000; assets about the same.

Now when the north winds kindly bring a touch of frost we raise a fuss and to our clothing tightly cling—when summer comes 'twill cling to us. Then we will fan ourselves and vow to colder climes will quickly go as perspiration on our brow stands out in great big drops of sweat.

The Chanute Blade tells of a farmer near that town who sold a butcher a beef for two cents a pound, agreeing to take a quarter for family use. In settling up the butcher charged the farmer regular rates for his quarter, and consequence was that the farmer owed the butcher two dollars.

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EVERYTHING READY.

The Immigration Movement of 1890 Under Way—Low Rates Granted. Director G. C. Sterl has received advices from the headquarters of the State Immigration Bureau at Wichita giving most encouraging reports of the negotiations with the railroads. The general passenger agents of the western roads, after a two days' session, have agreed to run a series of so-called homeseekers' excursions to the west, beginning in April. A rate of one fare was decided upon, except to points west of the Missouri river, or west of St. Paul or Minneapolis. The rate will be the one way rate to the river or to the Twin cities plus 25 per cent. which will be the minimum rate to that territory. The sale of tickets will be on April 22, May 20, September 9 and 24, and October 14. These excursions will run to points in southwestern Missouri, Kansas, Indian territory and the northwest.

Commenting on the action Mr. Sterl said that the favorable action had been expected but to be sure that it would come was to see the result of the meeting on the question. The excursions as granted, or specified might come earlier and more of them this spring, but it would be the work of the bureau to cause so many people to come on the first excursion as would prove the strength of bureau and the business in the work of the organization. Should the first excursion be a howling success it was suggested another excursion might be sandwiched in between the first and second according to the present program. The executive committee was well pleased that favorable action had been taken at last and that the bureau, as well as all others assisting and interested in the work, could see the road clearly and know what to do. The mist had been cleared away and no longer was it a fog voyage, but clear sailing.

The leading question or feature of the work as it now stands is to get out advertising matter and direct the work of inducing the people to come to Kansas, assisted by the low railroad rate secured. The executive committee will give this matter careful attention and make as good a show as possible. The bureau itself will soon have the state book prepared. Over sixty counties have copy in and have made arrangements for their ratio of the cost. The matter being sent in is of unusual merit. The variety of styles and the manner the merits of each county is presented will make the book of unusual interest. Dickinson county will be represented as enough money has been raised by the committee to assure her having a place in the volume.

BAD MELLON MAN.

Lee Faun is held up in Approved American Fashion.

Abilene's Chinese laundryman, Lee Faun, had a new experience with life in the far west last night, being treated to robbery at the muzzle of a revolver, a proceeding which nearly scared the daylight out of that oblique eyed Mongolian.

Lee Faun's story is somewhat disjointed and difficult to understand but is to the following effect: After eight o'clock last night, just as Lee Faun was about to shut up shop and seek his cozy nest a "badie Mellon man" came in from the street. He had on a big overcoat and a handkerchief covered his face. According to Lee's story he held "up a big guinea and say he shootee." The revolver was unpleasantly close to the Celestial's head and fearing that his Asiatic brains might be scattered over the latest batch of washing he was ready to throw up his hands when the order came. The fellow took the Chinaman's watch and about \$40 in money and then decamped.

John Chinaman was greatly excited, that being a game he did not understand and he was much overcome all day. No reliable clue to the robber has yet been discovered. A suspicious character has been about town for a month or more and has upon one or two occasions intimated to individuals that if they were "slick" he could help them to a fat job. He is not set today, and it is possible that he may be the man. Lee Faun is ready to call down Confucius and all the other Flowery Kingdom gods' vengeance on the perpetrator if he is found. The rascal deserves severe treatment for not having any more ineffectual than to rob an ignorant foreigner.

Fire Department Election.

The fire department of the city met last evening for the annual election of department officers. There was a good attendance and the boys seemed all enthusiastic for the department's success.

The following officers were chosen: Chief, Geo. Schurer; ass't chief, Ed. Yeaden; president, J. W. Monroe; vice president, Thos. Willoughby; secretary, G. D. Kieffer; treasurer, Louis Lipps; delegates to volunteer firemen's association, Frank VanDoren and J. J. Bradfield; alternates, J. W. Monroe, Geo. Loyd.

The secretary was instructed to report the result of the election to the city council for confirmation.

The department is in good shape and although there have been few calls for its appearance in order to subdue flames the boys have kept up their discipline and will be ready whenever a fire breaks out. There are few cities in Kansas whose volunteer fire department equals that of Abilene and the city should encourage its firemen in every way possible.

Take your repair work to The White-Mosher Machine Co.

A Few Abilene "First's"

The Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church of Abilene was organized October 22, 1870, with thirteen members. Rev. W. E. Krebs pastor. Rev. Krebs was succeeded by Rev. S. P. Harrington, he by Rev. A. S. Kissel and he by Rev. Dr. Bowers. The present pastor is the Rev. F. M. Porch.

The M. E. Church was organized in 1871 under the pastorate of Rev. John Curtis with a membership of ten or twelve. The present brick church edifice was built in 1879 under the pastorate of Rev. J. R. Madison. Revs. Cook, VanDeventer, Wake and Madison followed. Rev. W. H. Zimmerman is the present pastor.

The First Presbyterian church was organized July 25, 1869, with a membership of five. The church began and continued under the leadership of Rev. Whitmore Hill until 1873, when Rev. W. H. Snyder commenced his pastorate with a membership of nineteen. Under his pastorate, which extended through twelve years, he added 156 members to the church. The first house of worship, which was of brick, was destroyed by a wind storm in 1881. Mr. Snyder at once set about to rebuild it, and completed his labors in October, 1883, having built the present substantial and unique stone building at a cost of \$11,000, after which he resigned and was succeeded by Rev. R. G. McCarthy. After him came Rev. McKeehan and then Rev. E. D. Walker, who now fills the pulpit.

The first services of the Episcopal church in Abilene were held in the old Metropolitan hall in May, 1875, Rev. Thos. Dooley, of Salina, officiating. On November 1, 1877, the parish of St. John was organized with H. C. Shelton, and Judge Smith as wardens and E. Curtis, T. C. Henry, H. H. Floyd, Dr. J. Keiser and Col. Gore, vestrymen. The ladies' guild was organized in 1877 with Mrs. Jane Keiser as president and Mrs. F. Hendricks, vice-president. May, 1878, Rev. Birchmore came and took charge for several months. April, 1882, Rev. Young became rector until December. The court house and Grace chapel were used for services. In the summer of 1882 the ladies' guild made the move for the building of a church and raised \$900. Mr. Young went east and raised \$690, the bishop giving the lots and \$300. In September, 1883, Rev. P. Wagner took charge; the guild then raised \$900, paying off the debt and finishing the church as it is now. Rev. W. D. Christian has been pastor for about three years.

Licensed to Wed

Judge Peck issued a marriage license to Frank Oum and Miss Coroline Senne, both of Harrington. Also to Bert Austin and Miss Lena Thiesler, both of Abilene.

After the Water Works Co.

The special meeting of the city council last evening was a short one and but one subject was discussed—the supplying of the city with water according to the contract with the present Water Works Co. A resolution that the city attorney be instructed to enter suit against the company for non-fulfillment of contract and for the annulling of the instrument was offered at the last session and tabled. It was amended last night so as to include the cancelling of the franchise as well, and then laid over until next Friday night to allow a conference with the present owner of the water works franchise, Mr. Bell of Lawrence. The members were almost a unit in agreeing that some action must be taken regarding the matter and it is probable that decided steps will now be taken—without litigation if possible but with it if necessary.

No other business was brought up and the council adjourned.

Death at Detroit.

Miss Alice Billmyer died at her home in Detroit at 8 o'clock this morning of consumption. She was aged eighteen years six months, and was one of Detroit's brightest and most capable young ladies. She had many friends in the vicinity who will sincerely mourn her death. The funeral services will be held at 11 a. m., Sunday morning, in the Detroit school house, interment in Burt's cemetery.

Temporarily Absent.

We are reliably informed that Mayor C. H. Lebold is offered several positions on a good salary, and that he goes to Kansas City on tonight's train to fully determine what (if any) of the several offers he will accept. We also understand that Mr. Lebold's family will remain here and that Mr. Lebold will only be absent temporarily, and that his interests will always be with Abilene and for whose prosperity he will work in future as he has done in the past.

Abilene's Weather.

Signal Service Agent, Prof. W. P. Gulick, reports the following statistics regarding the weather at this place during the month of February: Lowest temperature—02 at 7 a. m. on 27th and 28. Highest temperature—66 at 2 p. m. on 4th. Snow fell on 4 days; on the 6th 3 inches; on 21st 20 inches and on 25th and 26th traces. Fog was observable on two days; mist on the 22d. The month was remarkable for its absence of moisture.

Get your machinery repaired by The White-Mosher Machine Co. They do the best work in Abilene.

DISCUSSING EDUCATION.

Last Meeting of the Year of the County Teachers' Association. The last meeting of the County Teachers' association for the school year, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, was well attended Saturday.

President Shirk called the meeting to order. Miss Hoisington and W. S. Jenks favored the teachers with a finely rendered duet. W. M. Campbell then offered prayer. Prof. Jenks in a half hour's illustrated talk on "Easy Experiments on Natural Philosophy" gave the teachers some interesting and practical ideas.

"Means of Developing Physical Culture" was introduced by J. H. Engle and followed by Prof. Wishart, Messrs. Bates, Humbarger and Prof. Moulton in general discussion.

"The Bible in Public Schools" was the subject of a carefully prepared paper by D. A. Holmes. He said no teacher is capable of cultivating the morals of his pupils who is unacquainted with the bible. Mr. Campbell read an interesting paper on the same subject, prepared by Miss Sallie Dowlings. O. L. Bates in discussion said the bible should be the first book in school.

The following first hour was one of the most profitable of the day, being occupied by T. E. Dewey in reading a very interesting and instructive paper as introductory to his subject. In it he showed the advantage of truly practical education, and followed by giving valuable information on the subject of "Negotiable Paper." His ideas were appreciated by the teachers.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, This is the closing meeting of the Dickinson County Teachers' association for the year, and

WHEREAS, The members of the association feel that they have been greatly benefited and instructed thereby, therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the school board of the city of Abilene for so kindly allowing us the use of their rooms, and

Resolved, That we congratulate ourselves on the increased interest manifested, and the efficient work done in our meetings this year.

Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to the officers of the association for their earnest and effective work in their several capacities.

WHEREAS, Our present County Superintendent J. S. Ford has proved his ability as an organizer of schools and a leader in educational work in this county, and

WHEREAS, He has raised the schools of this county to a position second to none in the state, has effected a classification and gradation of the district schools, has been unceasing in his efforts to unify and systematize the work of instruction, and

WHEREAS, He has endeavored himself to the teachers of this county and the patrons of the schools by his indefatigable work, and

Resolved, That we the teachers of Dickinson county, assembled in county association, do most earnestly request Supt. Ford to be a candidate for reelection to the office and do pledge to him our united support.

These resolutions were unanimously passed, the teachers being in hearty sympathy with the spirit of them and desirous of showing their hearty appreciation of work well done. ANON.

ASSESSORS' MEETING

Dickinson County's Assessors in Session—Basis of Assessment Adopted.

The annual meeting of the township assessors of Dickinson county began its session this morning in the office of the county clerk. This meeting was for the purpose of agreeing upon a basis of assessment of personal and real property in the county and also to discuss various matters pertaining to the proper transaction of the assessors' duties.

An unusually large representation was present. H. H. Lower, of Newbern township, was chosen chairman and C. G. Hawk, of Abilene, clerk. The following assessors were present: D. J. Kimmerly, Logan; Henry Perich, Lyon; H. C. Lower, Newbern; W. W. Day, Ridge; Chas. Koepke, Union; A. L. Hollinger, Liberty; M. Bryson, Cheever; P. F. Whitehair, Noble; John Heller, Rinehart; N. C. Dyer, Grant; T. W. Meserve, Garfield; A. C. Dietz, Wheatland; J. J. Miller, Grant; John Lamb, Center; C. Barton, Jefferson; Chris. Rohrer, Banner; C. G. Hawk, Abilene; C. C. Hutchins, Hope; S. D. Scripser, Sherman; John Shaver, Lincoln; Con. Taylor, Hayes; Alex. Mustard, Flora; C. M. Brenizer, Buckeye; B. F. Watson, Holland.

A general basis of 33 1/3 per cent. of actual value was agreed upon. The valuation of the following specific property was adopted: Stallions at fifteen times annual charge for insurance; horses six months to one year old, per head, \$10; horses 1 year to 2 years old, \$15; horses 2 years to 3 years old, per head, \$20; horses 4 years old and over, at judgment of assessor. On motion, real estate to be assessed at 20 per cent. of its actual value.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the present system of assessment of personal property is crude and imperfect and by it it is impossible to arrive at a just assessment and, therefore, we request the next legislature to appoint a committee to receive evidence and report on such a system as will be just to all.

The meeting then adjourned and the assessors left for their homes. Dickinson county has a board of assessors to be proud of. All are men of good

judgment and of unquestioned probity, and they will do their work well and faithfully.

Saying Good-Bye.

Rev. W. H. Zimmerman, who has been pastor of the Methodist church of this city for three years, preached yesterday his farewell sermons, the last before going to conference now in session in Horton. His subject both morning and evening was "Go Forward" and his sermons were full of helpful suggestions to the church for carrying on the work of the organization to a fuller harvest. In the evening he thanked his congregation for the many kindnesses shown him and said goodbye. Mr. Zimmerman has made many warm friends and admirers during his pastorate here. He has been a faithful well-liked pastor, and the heartiest of wishes both from his church and from his wide circle of acquaintances will follow him to his future charge wherever it may be.

Behind the Times

The Salina Republican has just discovered that freights on grain to Texas have been raised, and announces it with a flourish. The REFLECTOR commented on the matter two or three weeks ago and the Republican is running on second hand thunder. However, the fight to bring the railroads to time on the Texas rates is a just one, and the REFLECTOR is glad that its suggestions have met with such favor.

A \$6,000 Purchase.

B. F. Nelson, the popular Buckeye avenue grocer, has purchased the north store of the block on Buckeye near his present place of business, paying therefor \$6,000. Mr. Nelson has for years been one of Abilene's most solid business men and we are glad to see prosperity's sun shining upon him. He will soon move into his new location where he will be "at home" to his friends.

County Commissioners.

The county commissioners were in session today. The chief business of the session is to look up bridges along Turkey and Holland creeks and in company with Clerk M. H. Bert the commissioners, Messrs. Baker, Kandt and Hoover, went out south to investigate the subject.

Probate Court.

The cold snap has for some occult reason caused a boom in the marriage license market. Judge Peck today issued a permit to wed to Joseph Cump, Manchester, and Amanda Uplinger, Salina.

Let The White-Mosher Machine Co. repay your buggy for you. They will.

Hiawatha Items.

Hiawatha, Kas., Feb. 27.—[Special correspondence.]—Quite a number of children are having the measles. Plowing stopped suddenly, but the farmers are busy preparing for the summer's work. It is said that less hired help will be used than formerly—a good idea.

A teachers' institute will be held at Rinehart school house March 8th. A fine program has been arranged, and many prominent teachers will be present.

Trustee John Heller has rented the Nash farm. John is a rustler. Harry Snyder will move to Chapman March 1st. We are sorry that we are going to lose him.

W. H. Hollinger shipped a car of cattle to Kansas City last Thursday. Samuel Heller is seriously ill with heart disease.

Several farmers around Hiawatha should gather in out of the fields their drills, hay rakes, binders and mowers, and then join the farmers' alliance.

Rinehart township says to Holland township that she has less legal business in our courts than any township in the county, not having a single case in court since her organization.

AMERICUS.

North Dickinson News.

HAYES TWP., March 2.—[Special correspondence.]—Mr. Schlecht and family will move near Stephen's Mills.

Miss Jane Beamer will soon leave for Illinois where she will make her future home.

Mrs. Julien has been at Chapman attending to her daughter Mellie who became ill while attending high school.

Mrs. Watson, the aged mother-in-law of Warren Clapp, died at the home of the latter, last week.

Miss Birdie Swanson, who is now staying at Enterprise visited here over Sunday.

An unusually large crowd assembled at the Bert cemetery on Sunday at the burial of Miss Alice Billmyer.

Mr. Seimon and S. M. Zook sold a large amount of implements, stock, etc., at public sale last Thursday.

A. M. Engle is hauling ice from Chapman creek. The ice famine is over.

A young Mr. Bashore arrived here from Pennsylvania Saturday night. He will make his home in the best state, Kansas.

Miss Ella Stemmer's term of school at the Proboscis district, closed last Thursday.

Mrs. G. B. Allen is visiting in Solomon City.

Willie Isitt is seriously ill with measles.

Henry From and family will move from the Brechbill farm to a place farther north.

When you need a mild laxative you should have a medicine that will act on the liver and kidneys as well as the bowels. Began's Vegetable Liver Pills are prepared expressly for this purpose. Insist on getting them, as they have no superior and few equals. C. C. Shaler druggist. no-21d-1y

Fog, coughs and all lung troubles, the most reliable remedy is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

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